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## **CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$600,000 DOJ GRANT TO THE RI JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The office of U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has awarded a \$600,000 grant to the Rhode Island Justice Commission through its FY 2003 National Criminal History Improvement Program.

The National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) assists States to improve the Nation's public safety by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of the Nation's criminal history and sex offender record systems and the extent to which such records can be used and analyzed for criminal justice and authorized non criminal justice purposes.

Under this award, funds will be used to 1) continue hardware and software upgrades to the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (RILETS) to accommodate additional data suppliers and users to the system; 2) hire contract support to identify records with missing dispositions and retrieve data from the courts; 3) pay partial overtime for court personnel to research updates to dispositions and enter the data for transmission into the State repository; 4) purchase livescan machines and associated software for five municipal police departments to allow for electronic submission of fingerprints to the central repository; 5) create an interface to electronically transmit demographic data between Department of Correction's livescan machines and the records management system; 6) purchase AFIS equipment to implement interface with Connecticut's new AFIS system; and 7) fund a technical support position to provide systems, network, and telecommunications services to the users of the RILETS network.

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